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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 9, line 4, please insert:

Figure 7A is a flow chart depicting one embodiment of a method in accordance with the present invention performed by one embodiment of a snooper in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 7B is a flow chart depicting one embodiment of a method in accordance with the present invention performed by one embodiment of a checker in accordance with the present invention.